

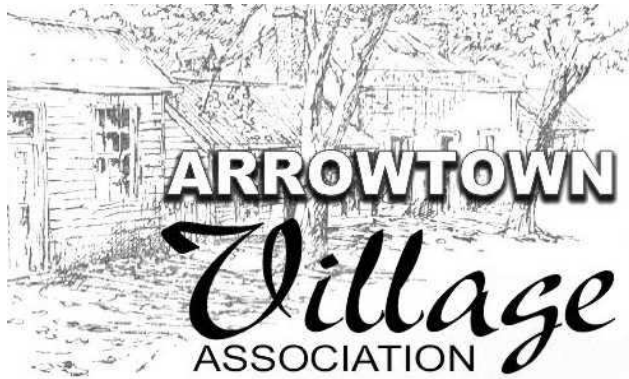


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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN ARROWTOWN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION INC

AVA CHAIRMANS REPORT 2008

Another year is fast disappearing and the Arrowtown Village Association has again overseen many excellent projects aimed at further enhancing our township.

The Council has undertaken some major projects in Arrowtown over the past few months and we appreciate these improvements, which will be

especially reassuring for pedestrians. They include a new footpath from McDonnell Rd and along Berkshire Street, along with the upgrading of Butler Park and Arrow Lane.

Our newly formed Clean Air and Warm Homes group, headed by Gerard Hall, has done excellent work in putting together a strategy to help Arrowtowners work with the regional council to implement new central government regulations around this issue by December 2011.

Jim Ryan has done a great job in forming Arrow Net, a club established to help those over 55 learn new computer skills. This has been well received, with almost 60 people joining the group. With the help of funding from Sky City, Jim has obtained six new computers for training Arrow Net members.

Jim Ryan's ongoing work with the security cameras in the village centre is also acknowledged and appreciated. Jim gives an in-depth report on the cameras further on in the bulletin.

John Mowatt continues his good work on the upkeep of local tracks and on creating a new track below Tobin's Track, towards Whitechapel. John is truly dedicated to the cause and an outstanding community citizen. I know of no other person who selflessly gives up his weekends to work on our local tracks and walkways.

Work on the footbridge over the Arrow River is finally coming to an end, with the last resource consent being issued by Lakes Environmental. The planning of this bridge has been going on for nearly four years and has been hit by massive bureaucratic roadblocks. It will be a relief to get it installed. We are now waiting for our contractor to produce a health and safety document for DOC, to allow for the installation of the bridge. DOC will take over the management of this bridge once it is installed – this summer, I promise!

Thank you to the Trails Trust for supplying new signage on Sawpit Gully track. This track continues to be enjoyed by many visitors and locals alike. The track has wintered well and will only require minor maintenance this summer – provided we have no floods over spring, that is.

The Feehly Hill project has begun and although it looks an eyesore now, once completed it will be a great asset and offer another walking track option for the Arrowtown community. Thank you to Michael Tierney, DOC and Suburban Estates for their involvement in this long-term project.

The issue of Arrowtown's main street becoming a mall has again been raised and it is one this Association wants to bring to a final decision. The issue has been on going for over 20 years.

Arrowtown now has a Pentanque Club, which is great news for our community. If you are interested in joining, members meet Wednesday evenings 5pm and Sunday afternoons from 2pm. The petanque court is located opposite the Village library.

I wish to acknowledge donations from various charities and organizations to this Association over the past year, especially the Sky City Casino Trust, Southland Community Trust, Lion Foundation and the Lakes District Community Trust. Also, thank you to those individuals who have contributed towards the funding of our bridge over the Arrow River.

Congratulations to our local councillor John Wilson, now entering his second term as Arrowtown's QLDC representative. John has worked well in helping to improve our township. This Association will work closely with him to ensure Arrowtown's needs are not overlooked by Queenstown-Lakes District Council and that new projects are included in the annual plan.

Also congratulations also to newly elected councillor Lex Perkins and returning councillor John Mann.

Thank you to our committee members for their assistance this year, especially to treasurer Michael Tierney. We welcome the new members on our committee.

It is with regret we bid Taylor Reed farewell from this Association. Taylor has decided to retire after many years of involvement. His wealth of knowledge and experience will be missed. Taylor Reed is one of the last true locals in our town and should be congratulated on his past achievements. Taylor has been on many community groups and club committees throughout his time in Arrowtown and we wish him well for the future.

Finally, I ask you to support this Association. For those who have yet to join, we urge you to become a member and play your part in ensuring the Arrowtown Village Association continues its role as an effective voice in the community.

Enjoy reading the Arrow Observer.

R.M. Newman
Chairman

MISSION STATEMENT

The Arrowtown Village Association shall strive to be an excellent example of community action occurring in an energetic, cooperative and organized manner for the benefit of all residents, businesses and the village as a whole.

Arrowtown Trust

The Arrowtown Trust has been meeting regularly to move the restoration of the council purchased miners cottages along. The conservation architects report is almost completed but an initial report enabled us to gut Romans Cottage and find what we had suspected, that it was being invaded by cork elm suckers, and this combined with leaky spoutings meant the interior fabric was in bad condition.

The cottage is sitting there waiting for funding agencies to hopefully grant us some money to undertake the restoration work. This we realise is going to be extremely expensive as at least two of the cottages will have to be raised to keep their foundations dry.

Local architects have been meeting on a two weekly basis looking at how the whole area behind the cottages and the wider block could be redeveloped. This is to give the area a new lease of life that will see the cottages used in a way that will see their future protection.

It has been a really valuable collaborative process that the architects have really enjoyed. They are about to present their ideas to council and then engage the land owners and council. The potential to make this a really special area is exciting.

David Clarke Director

St Joseph's Parish

As we prepare to welcome Jesus once more into our world at Christmas it is good for us to reflect on how welcoming we are towards one another. All of us who live in Arrowtown and the wider Wakatipu Basin have an important ministry of hospitality. I speak to many overseas people who are amazed at how warm and welcoming we are here.

One of the beauties of Christmas is that we have the opportunity to gather as families once again. Perhaps we could welcome into our family this Christmas someone who may have no family to go to. Be assured that if we can do this we are indeed welcoming the person of Christ into our midst.

May God bless our families and communities this Christmas Season.

Fr Martin Flannery.

Queenstown Organ and Keyboard Club

We are a music club which meets fortnightly alternating between the Arrowtown Community Rooms and the Frankton Church lounge.

Anyone with a musical instrument is welcome as it is a chance to play together (or solo if you wish) in a friendly and informal group. Of course, listeners are just as welcome, we need an audience.

Starting 24th January 2008 Thursday 1.30pm to 4.30pm Contact Audrey Henderson 442 1321

Councilors Report

Arrowtown's Representation Following the Local Body Elections

Congratulations to Lex Perkins on his election to the QLDC representing part of the Wakatipu Ward. In addition, John Mann was re-elected which means that we have three Councillors from the Arrowtown end of the Wakatipu Basin. Therefore the interests of Arrowtown will continue to have strong representation.

Arrow Lane Upgrade

This work is almost complete. The finishing touches will include lighting which is similar to that used in Hansen Car Park and some landscaping elements that will be in keeping with other parts of the business district precinct.

Riverside Reserves

Residents will have noticed the completion of landscaping between Bush Creek and the Skateboard Park. Still to be completed this season are toilets near the Chinese Village and some landscaping around Butler's Green. Dedicated areas have been set aside for visitors to picnic on the river beach. These fences have also been installed to prevent 4WD vehicles and trail bikes from damaging this area.

Miners' Cottages

The special Trust which has been formed has already organized preventative maintenance and conceptual plans are being worked on to create an historic precinct around the cottages.

Arrowtown's Winter Air Quality

As reported elsewhere in the Observer, the Arrowtown And Clean Air Warm Home group has been working with The Otago Regional Council and the QLDC to get the best package including insulation and clean heating appliances for Arrowtown residents. This programme will start in 2008.

Affordable Housing

The Affordable Housing Trust is closely looking at a proposal to build affordable housing in the QLDC owned Jopp Street property. This project is in the investigative stage of development. This will eventually assist in maintaining a balanced economic base for Arrowtown.

Centennial Avenue Upgrade

QLDC roading engineers have scheduled a project to widen and straighten the bends to the south of the Golf Course. This will improve the safety of this area for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists as the upgrade will include a footpath on the west side.

When this is complete, Arrowtown walkers will have another loop track which is particularly suitable for the winter period.

Millbrook Corner Reserve

It is very pleasing to report that QLDC executives have negotiated a package which includes a recreational reserve and cricket pitch. Other aspects of this package include a walking trail through Millbrook West that will eventually meet up with The Lake Hayes Track.

Arrowtown - Sporting Venue

I would urge all locals to support a number of local and national sporting events which have chosen our town as the most suitable location. Congratulations to Michael Hill for bringing the NZ Golf Open to The Hills for the next three years. Also, congratulations to The Cricket Golden Oldies tournament organisers for securing the event which will be based in Arrowtown in March 2008.

Season's Greetings to all locals and holiday makers. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer season.

John Wilson Arrowtown Ward Councilor

Arrowtown's CCTV

In November 2006 the CCTV system was linked to the Arrowtown Police station with three cameras. This is thanks to the many hours of voluntary work trenching and laying ducting for the many cables. A sincere thanks to Faulkes Enterprises for supplying thousands of dollars of their time and equipment. It was a huge job pulling the cables into the ducting but now that this cabling is in place it has future proofed the system for many years. Thanks to the museum for the use of their space for the cabling to reach through to Buckingham Street and also The Tap, Coachmans Hall and The Shed for their valuable and ongoing input.

Ducting has just been finished being laid in conjunction with the Arrow Lane upgrade (thanks to Works Infrastructure) and this will enable a camera to be placed at the top end of Buckingham Street as well as wiring for the future. A Lion foundation grant was received and this will enable this camera and another one in Ramshaw Lane to be installed in the next few months.

Tony Harrington and his team have done a great job on cabling and fire chief Gary Hall looked after communications between some awkward sites. The guys from Just Dig It moved at lightning speed installing the Ramshaw Lane ducting. Thanks to Queenstown Engineering for help in the pole department and to QLDC for "lending" a pole to us. Otago Electric have been a huge support and their vast resources are appreciated.

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The police are finding the cameras very valuable while investigating not only petty crime but also with a major incident that occurred earlier this year.

The police commissioner visited Arrowtown in May and congratulated the Arrowtown Village Association on their initiative and said many larger centers would be pleased to have such a system.

Jim Ryan CCTV Manager

ARROWTOWN SWIMMING CLUB

Public Pool Hours for 2007/2008 Season are as follows (subject to pool temp being above 19 C):

1st Dec to 24th Dec	Monday – Friday	10am -6pm
	Saturday & Sunday	10am – 7pm
25th Dec to 26th Jan		10am – 7pm
	Except: Christmas Day	Closed
	Boxing Day	12pm – 7pm
	New Years Day	12pm – 7pm
27th Jan to 2nd March		
	Monday – Friday	10am – 5pm
	Late session	6.30pm – 8pm
	Sat Sun Waitangi Day	10am – 8pm
3rd March to 9th March		10am – 5pm

The pool is looking inviting and we are looking for some warm central Otago summer days to warm the water. This year we have new pool covers that will hold the heat in over the cooler evenings. We have already had our enrollment night but anyone wishing to still join should contact Jan-Marie Forward (Treasurer ph 442 1348).

Season Pass prices for the Arrowtown Swimming Club are Family \$120 & Adult/Child \$60. These passes allow Club members full use of the Arrowtown Pool during public hours for the relevant season as well as:

Ribbon nights are held weekly around school term dates on a Friday night, from 5.00pm-6.30pm. The kids love these as they can win ribbons and get treats, children compete to improve their own times. This is a fun family evening at which the club runs a sausage sizzle (\$2 a snag).

The evening begins with 'Beginners' and 'Floaters' having novelty races across the width of the pool. These races are to increase water confidence and provide an element of fun. For these races they get a lolly when they have finished.

The 'Strokers' then have timed races across the width for freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke. Parents usually volunteer to be timekeepers. Times are recorded and if the child betters their own time they receive a ribbon. The width races are then followed by length swims, in the four strokes plus medley, for those children that are able.

The ribbon nights will be on Friday 7th Dec and 14th Dec, 5.00pm-6.30pm. The water may still be cold but come along, wear a wetsuit and post your first time for the season. We will break for Xmas and recommence ribbon nights on the 1st Feb and continue until the pool is closed.

Lessons: Lessons are provided as an added bonus and are free. Our coaches are volunteers, they have had training, but are not professional coaches, please set your expectations accordingly.

There will be 2 weeks of lessons held in the last week of the holidays and the first week of the school term (Mon 28th Jan - Thurs 31st Jan and Monday 4th Feb – Thursday 7 Feb). These are followed up with a weekly lesson on a Wednesday night, starting Wed 20th Feb. The lessons are available to members over the age of 5, who have attended an evaluation night. There are two evaluation nights at which we assess what level each child is at. This is an evaluation of their water skills and we must see them in the pool in order to evaluate them. Children will then be placed into the appropriate group.

Children WILL NOT receive lessons without an evaluation. Evaluation Dates: Weds 5th Dec 4.30pm to 5.30pm or Thurs 6th Dec 4.30pm to 5.30pm. (Back up nights if the pool is not open are 10th and 11th Dec 4.30pm to 5.30pm).

Lesson times and groups will be posted on the swimming club notice-board after Xmas/New Year, so keep an eye out for them. It is your responsibility to be there at the right time.

The toddler pool will be closed during lessons and ribbon nights as there is not a dedicated trained life guard on duty. This is a health and safety requirement, please adhere to it and if you see children playing in the pool, proactively ask them to hop out. Your assistance in this matter ensures the safety of our children.

Squad: Squad is open to children between the ages of 9 and 15. They must be strong enough swimmers to cope with long distance training. They must be able to swim at least 200m (6 lengths) freestyle, 100m (4 lengths) backstroke and 100m (4 lengths) breaststroke non stop.

Tony McKenzie has kindly volunteered his time again to coach the squad and brings his expertise and experience poolside. Tony is aiming to take squad to the next level this year.

The proposed Squad will training sessions will be from the date the pool opens in Dec, 4 days per week: Monday to Thursday from 5.30pm - 7.00pm. Squad will break for Xmas on the 20th Dec. Recommencing 28th Jan until the pool closes, note squad will start at 6.00pm during days that lessons are being held. Please Note: These times are dependant on the number of children interested and their availability to attend the sessions.

BBQ Access: The club owns the BBQ at the pool. Any members are welcome to use it when they wish. Please leave it clean and covered. Non members can use the BBQ for a charge of \$2.

Coaching: Are you or your teenager interested in coaching? We are always looking for new coaches and training will be provided. Please make contact before Xmas if you are interested.

Arrowtown Swimming club is keen to continue for many years to come, however many of our volunteers children have 'flown the coup' and we are actively looking for new helpers. It doesn't take a lot of time and is a great way of getting involved and meeting people. If you would like to have a chat about what is required see one of our committee members or give Nikk a call. We would love to hear from you.

Looking forward to seeing you and your family at the pool. Nikk McLaren (Ph 409 8866)
Arrowtown Swimming Club

**Arrowtown Community Pre-School
cnr Durham and Caernarvon Streets
Arrowtown**

Ph 03 4421416

Our June newsletter wasn't published so this is an overview of the year!!

After lots of hard work fundraising our building extensions were finally completed in February. So many people in the community contributed time, machinery and materials to support us in keeping costs down. Special thanks to Tim McGregor of Groundworks whose donation of the excavation work became a much larger job than anticipated and Tony Dawson, Project Manager who oversaw the whole project.

The new space is fantastic and working well as it provides children and teachers/ office manager with so much extra room and sunlight. Over the winter we got 3 heat pumps to keep the larger area warm for the children over the cold winter months (and hopefully cooler over summer!!)

There has been a lot of publicity in the media over the last several months regarding an election promise by the Labour Government of 20 Free Hours of Early Childhood Education for all 3-5 year olds in NZ. While the sentiments behind this initiative were laudable, the reality of the actual funding offer to support this fell very short of what we need to operate as we do whilst remaining under our present licence.

However, after much careful research we have found a way to access the free hour offer by changing our licence and without compromising our philosophy. A proposal will be put to our parent community to vote on at a Special Meeting early December. Our first priority is always to offer high quality education opportunities, however we also respect the affordability issue for families.

We currently have 60 children enrolled (aged 3-5 years) and have a waiting list. (please note our waiting list policy has changed) Parents with young children are recommended to enroll children onto the waiting list from birth to ensure they get in at the earliest opportunity after their 3rd birthday.

Priority is given to children who are not attending another early childhood service unless there is a change of address. Please contact the Pre-School if you have any queries.

In September we farewelled Ros Craven who has been teaching with us for 4 years. Ros left us to move to Dunedin and everyone has been missing her excellent teaching skills and cheerful, caring and sincere personality.

We look forward to welcoming Vera Anderson as Ros's replacement from February next year. Vera taught here for 18 months in 2004/5. This term we have been very fortunate to have

excellent relieving teachers Christine Smith, Chris Jack and Hannah Hoogvliet.

A big focus in our programme this year has been "Art" and we have been so fortunate to have several local artists come into the programme and work with the children. Rachel Hirabayashi, Angus Watson, Bridget Paape and Shelley Nicolls all spent time demonstrating their techniques and love of art. This has really inspired the children and we have seen some amazing developments in the children's appreciation of art and their art work. This focus culminated in the children all painting their own canvas which we exhibited and then auctioned at the "Off The Wall" gallery in Arrowtown on 15th June. This was a great social night and after some very "spirited" bidding we raised an approximately \$3000 for our Centre. Huge thanks to Bridget Paape for allowing us to take over her gallery for 2 days!!

"Battle of the Basin" (similar to Amazing Race).. Yvonne Stevenson and her enthusiastic team did a wonderful job of organising our recent "Battle of the Basin" fundraiser. Thirty teams of 2 (sponsored by local businesses) raced around 10 pit stops between Queenstown, Arrowtown and Gibbston enjoying the sun, the challenges and a great feed/ refreshments after. This was our third "Battle of the Basin" and with a profit of \$10,700 it was the most successful to date. Huge thanks to the many local businesses for donating many services and products free of charge.

The end of the year is fast approaching, we finish up for the year on the 19th December after a visit from Santa Claus and reopen on the 7th February 2008. Merry Xmas and Safe and Happy Holiday Wishes .. Arohanui

Jane, Sara, Hannah and Gerdi

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Probably the most obvious news is nothing to do with us at all! Readers will have noticed a gravelled courtyard outside the library front door. This is to be a pentanque court. So, in the near future, expect to see gentlemen in berets elegantly tossing pentanque balls outside the library. We eagerly await developments!

On a different note, after consultation with parents pre-school story time has been changed to 2pm on Tuesday to fit in with other community activities.

We have a large range of new fiction and non fiction in the library ready for the Christmas holidays. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year. Robyn Robertson, Robyn Hall and Lizzie Roberts

Arrowtown Wasp Control 2008 SEASON

Welcome to those of you who are new to the town. You will find herein many organizations and activities to which you can belong. This is a means of belonging to the town.

My reason for this is wasps and some of you have seen it all before.

Queen wasps are out and about now, mid November, looking for a suitable nesting place as well as feeding themselves. Please do not let them survive. They are about 1 ½ times the size of a bee or worker wasp and it is the worker wasps that give away the site of this home. If wasps are seen in numbers please let Margaret or myself know and they will be dealt with. Queen wasps will be very quickly killed with a squirt of fly spray – this works equally well inside and outside

Any queries contact us at.
Eeon or Margaret Ryan
32 Centennial Avenue
Arrowtown
Phone 4421263
E Mail agzeeon@xtra.co.nz.



Arrowtown Volunteer Fire Brigade

I am pleased to announce that we now have 8 members who have completed a pre hospital emergency care course with thanks to Sky City Casino for funding this. All our members have basic first aid training and have recently had a refresher on using the defibrillator machine held at the station. Two of our new recruits have completed a grueling 7 day basic fire fighting recruitment course in Invercargill. Other courses attended this year by members have been a 4 w d training and ice driver training I have recently signed off on the rural fire plan which means there will be a rural fire party known as Wakatipu Rural Fire working out of the fire station, made up of some of our existing fire personal and other volunteers still to be recruited.

Preparations for the Fire Brigades 75th Jubilee are well on track now for Saturday 26th April 2008. Wishing you and your family safe travels and stay safe by the water. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Garry Hall. CFO



Want your club news article here? Call the Arrowtown Village Association. Next issue is December 2007

This newsletter is made possible by a grant from the Lion Foundation

The Arrowtown Village Association wishes to thank to Lion Foundation for its continued support of our community group, not only for this newsletter but also for the many projects that are completed in the town.



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE GROUP

The Arrowtown Bridge Group welcomes players of any age and at any level of play. We are a very social group. We usually play 9 games, then break for afternoon tea and then play another 9 games. We can arrange a partner for you. We meet on Wednesdays at 1.30p.m in the Arrowtown Community Rooms beside the tennis court in Centennial Avenue.

We are breaking for the summer holidays on the 5th December and restarting on Wednesday 13th February 2008.

If you would like to join us for Bridge please ring

Margaret Phone 442-1263
Vera Phone 442 0196
Pam Phone 442 1126



Lakes District Museum

It's nice to see a bit of sunshine after a cold and blustery start to spring. Here's hoping for a long hot summer.

The museum has been busy over the last six months. Work continues on new exhibitions, running a busy education programme, continuing to re organise the archives room since our shift into the new building and catering for our visitors, especially in the bookshop. The special exhibitions/art gallery has seen a variety of exhibitions. All have been extremely popular and well received especially 'Family Treasures', 'The Queenstown Embroidery Group' Exhibition and the 'Facescapes' by Deidre Copeland. Coming up we have Alice Blackley, Brian Millard, Darren Roberts and Mark Zhu.

There is always something new and interesting in the gallery so come in and have a look. Ange our education officer, did a fantastic job producing the 'Family Treasures' exhibition. It brought huge numbers of children and their families into the museum to see their work and gave them a great deal of pride in telling their family stories. She was nominated for a Heart of the District Ward for her work on this exhibition and the 'Veterans' exhibition and won the Social and Cultural Category. A great result.

The school numbers using the education programme over the last term has been excellent. Over the summer holidays Ange will be working once again on the 'Cribs' exhibition. Thanks to those of you who donated photographs and who have put their names down to be interviewed.

As mentioned last newsletter, the museum continues to be involved in the restoration of the miners cottages in Buckingham Street and has been working as a contractor for a history room in the new airport at Manapouri.

Karen Swaine, our archivist continue to get our collection sorted and answer questions submitted by locals and visitors. Peter Seddon has been helping all year to digitise our photo collection and once again Ben Teele has been back helping in the University holidays. The AGM this year was a very successful meeting. We have one new board member in June Flint and thank outgoing member, Roger Grant, for all his work over the years.

If you are looking for Xmas gifts, try the museum book shop. It already has a fantastic reputation, but Bridget and Glenys keep making it better, with a great variety of books, cards, and prints. Alan Hamilton's new book, full of stories and



ARROWTOWN BOWLING CLUB INC.

P.O. Box 76 Arrowtown

Opening day

The 2007/2008 outdoor bowling season was officially opened by Centre President Jenni Heazlewood. All visiting bowlers and Arrowtown club members present were welcomed to the opening by Arrowtown Club President /Centre Vice President John Lindsay

NZ Open Golf

Bowling club has been given the opportunity to participate as car parking attendants at the Michael Hill NZ Open.

Wed / Sat Pennants

Both men's & ladies' results are encouraging with the Wednesday men's teams currently leading competition.

Student Members

Current student members are : Ben Carr, Nic Carr, Matt Douglas, Daniel Eyles, Todd Foster.

A big welcome to new member Matt Douglas & congratulations to Daniel Eyles who was recently made Wakatipu High Schools joint sportsperson of the year. Daniel also received his 'Blues' in Rugby & Cricket, excellent work.

Community Bowls

This has been a major project for the bowling club, huge support from the Arrowtown community, all are certainly enjoying the competition which is played on every Wednesday and Thursday evening during the month of November. Finals nights are on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November.

Club Sponsors

Community bowls has been an excellent means of repaying our generous sponsors from within the Arrowtown community plus the wider provincial area. A huge amount of generous contributions this past and current year has allowed the club to progress confidently. Thanks to all sponsors.

Centennial Easter 2008

This is a major event in club's history, following is planned: Get together - Friday night - Club rooms. Tournaments on both Saturday & Sunday. Centennial dinner Saturday night. So far a busy and productive 2007 year. We look forward to an exciting 2008. Merry Christmas to all, remember you are always welcome at the Arrowtown Bowling Club.

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ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Services

Every Sunday 9 am Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 11th December 3.45pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Children's pre Christmas Service

Sunday 16th December 9 am Advent Service with Choir

For Services on Christmas Day, please check notices at the Church closer to the time.

The Reverend Pat Jones



ARROWNET

A seniors computing group has been established and is set up in the community hall by the tennis courts hall with four brand new computers, large 22" screens and wireless broadband. Thanks to the generosity of ArrowNet member and building contractor Graham Hill the area is very nicely set out, warm and secured by 3 brand new sliding doors.

ArrowNet in the first 6 months has just on 70 members and 10 volunteer tutors and up to 6 courses a week are being run covering introduction to computers through to email, internet and photo management. Future courses will cover Word, Excel, Power Point, Genealogy, Desktop Publishing, Travel hints, Skype and Windows Messenger as well as Trade Me.

There had been several attempts over the years to set up a similar group in the Queenstown area and now ArrowNet is starting to draw members from throughout the Wakatipu who are aged 55+.

We are now able to take on new members – just call into Ray White Real Estate for an application form or login into www.arrownet.co.nz or ring Margaret 442 1263.



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BERKSHIRE STREET, ARROWTOWN

The Reverend Patricia Jones

The feast day of your birth resembles you,
Lord,
because it brings joy to all humanity.
Old people and infants alike enjoy your day.
Your day is celebrated from generation to
generation,
Kings and emperors may pass away,
and the festivals to commemorate them soon
lapse.
But your festival will be remembered till the
end of time.
Your day is a means and a pledge of peace.
At your birth heaven and earth were
reconciled,
since you came from heaven to earth on that
day,
you forgave our sins and wiped away our
guilt.
You gave us so many gifts on your birthday:
a treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the
sick;
spiritual light for those that are blind;
a cup of salvation for the thirsty;
the bread of life for the hungry.
In the winter when the trees are bare,
you gave us the most succulent spiritual fruit.
In the frost when the earth is barren,
you bring new hope to our souls.
In December when the seeds are hidden in
the soil,
the staff of life springs forth from the virgin
womb.

Ephraim the Syrian, c. 306-373

Christmas here is not "... winter when the trees are bare..." nor "...the frost when the earth is barren..." , it is in summer when the seeds are no longer hidden in the soil, but bearing fruit. The Word is made flesh and came to live with us. We celebrate the birth of the Christ child when the air is warm, and as we celebrate we pray that the gifts he brought for us, of wisdom, justice, peace and compassion, respect for our planet and a disdain for power that diminishes or destroys, will, one day, bring joy to all humanity. As you prepare for Christmas in our community, may the Maker's blessing be yours, circling around you, about you and within you.

The congregation of St Paul's Anglican Church, Arrowtown, wishes all readers a Blessed, Holy and Happy Christmas.

Arrowtown Clean Air and Warm Homes Group.

Arrowtown has a pollution problem: look at the smog hanging over the town during the winter months: it's plain to see. So what are we doing about it? The Government has brought in strict new compliance rules and Arrowtown needs to improve its air quality.

The Arrowtown Village Association has been proactive in this issue. We have set up a special task force called the Arrowtown Clean Air and Warm Homes Group to specifically attack the problem of smog in town. Make sure you are kept informed via our newsletter because we want you to be part of the solution.

Clean Air and Warm Homes for Arrowtown

The AVA looks forward to the Otago Regional Council's (ORC) decision on the proposed AirPlan and its effect on the community and getting on with cleaning up Arrowtown's air.

After hearing submissions, including a detailed presentation made on behalf of Arrowtown residents by AWHACG earlier this year, the Hearing Committee on the Proposed Plan Change is now finalising its recommendations on all public submissions which were received.

A workshop to brief councilors on the submissions, the key issues raised and proposed responses is planned to be held before Xmas.

The decisions and reasons behind any changes will then be discussed by the full council and will be publicly notified. Submitters will then have the opportunity to appeal to the Environment Court.

I am confident that residents' views have been well heard and are being taken into account by the ORC ensuring the right balance is struck allowing Arrowtown residents to continue heating their homes using those wood burners that meet lower emission standards.

The AWHACG continues to enjoy a healthy relationship working closely with QLDC, ORC and central Government officials promoting residents' interests and several initiatives are already underway.

The first, the formation of a charitable trust is all but complete. Initiated by the AVA the trust has the support of the QLDC and will be a valuable community asset.

An exciting community development, I urge all residents back it with their support. Nominations for trustees are expected to be called early in the New Year.

In the meantime the Otago Regional Council is bidding for funding from EECA (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority) for the installation of clean heating appliances in selected Otago towns including

Arrowtown.

If successful, some low income house owners will be eligible, at very low cost, to replace their existing old polluting solid fuel burner with clean heat options. These will include very low emission wood burners, heat pumps, flued gas fires, and pellet fires.

This programme, if the funding bid is successful, will run alongside other ORC funding initiatives including home insulation programmes.

All projects are in their early stages, or dependent on funding, but will begin to be rolled out over the next few months.

At this stage no action needs to be taken by any householder.

The ORC is working closely with the AVA to keep Arrowtown residents informed of progress and to build on work already completed in the town.

While the task of cleaning up the town's air quality will be a challenge and come at a cost to residents, it has to, and will happen. The aesthetic and health benefits are obvious. It is an investment we all have to make in the town's future.

Gerard Hall
Chairperson
Arrowtown Warm Homes and Clean Air Group
Phone 409 8386

For further information about this AVA sponsored community initiative contact Gerard Hall 409 8386.

ag.pro@xtra.co.nz



The AVA Feehly Hill Restoration Project

There has been a large scale removal of wilding pines on the eastern flank of the hill, starting from the tank farm and working around behind the cemetery. Eventually, all the wilding pines from the hill will be removed. The next stage is to remove the pines from behind the residences along the Berkshire Street side of the hill. The new owners of the subdivision on Manse Road have committed themselves to an extensive restoration programme on the western flank of the hill and within a short time, we will begin to see a huge improvement, not only from the removal of noxious weeds, (mainly broom) but also with new access to the hill top.

For full details, please contact the AVA,

Jim Feehly or
Michael Tierney on 442 1167
View this project online at
[www.arrowtown.co.nz/
index.php?ti=171](http://www.arrowtown.co.nz/index.php?ti=171)



Arrowtown Cubs

The Arrow cub pack is going really well and we have a full pack at the moment. We have 10 children on the waiting list and a very enthusiastic number of leaders.

So far this term we have had a variety of evenings including a woodwork night making bird houses and feeders, a cultural night with talks from parents who come from France, Argentina, Israel and Italy including a tasting of national dishes from each country, we have also had a hike along the Arrow river where we cooked (scorched) damper over a fire and a lot of fun and games at the school hall.

We held an open day / toy fair on Saturday the 3rd of November where each six had to run and organize their own stall, we also had the funny bikes, face painting, pet corner, pony rides, lucky dip, food, drinks, meat raffle and lots of photos and a display on what the Cubs get up to.

This weekend is our first Cub camp of the season based on the lost camper and we have lots of cool things organised but I can't mention what they are as it is a surprise for the Cubs.

I would like to thank all the Cubs for doing a great job with the open day / fair - their behaviour and enthusiasm was awesome and we managed to raise \$1200.00 towards buying much needed equipment. Also a big thanks to all the parents and especially the leaders for their time and energy in helping run the pack. Without their support we would not have such a fantastic cub pack.

Greg Fawcett
Phone 4098165

ARROWTOWN PLUNKET

20 Cardigan St, Arrowtown 442 1323

A big congratulations to all new parents in and around Arrowtown who we would love to welcome to our Plunket Rooms along with our faithful regulars. We are currently offering Playgroup sessions 4 times a week and a fortnightly clinic on Wednesdays and some Monday mornings. Full details of our facilities are provided below:

Clinic - ph 442 7380 to book Ann offers appointments fortnightly on a Monday morning or all day Wednesday. To book, ring 442-7380 & ask for an appointment with Ann at the ARROWTOWN Plunket rooms.

Playgroup for under 5s Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10am to 12pm
Junior Playgroup for 6-18 month olds (approx)

We ask for a gold coin donation per visit to cover operating expenses.

New Mother's Group Wednesdays: from 1:00pm
For Hire - Contact Mandy Erskine - ph 442 0512
Please contact Ann on 442 7380 for details of the clinic times.

Arrowtown Rugby Club Report

Another rugby season has come and gone in Arrowtown. The 2007 season was a little disjointed due to the nature of the competition format, which meant home games were few and far between. Full credit to the boys for sticking with it and to Spik and Shane for holding it all together.

Players of the year were: Backs- Simon Williams

Forwards- Nathan Pullar

Most improved- Andy Laughton

Player of the year-Dan Dodds

Players player- Dan Dodds

Top points corer-Reece Winter

Top try scorer-Aidan Winter

Planning is well underway for the 2008 season with the return of Richard "on the line" Anderson to the head coaching position. The wheels are also in motion for the possibility of having our own after match venue which is something the club is sorely missing. So a big thank you to all the players, management, committee, Sponsors and loyal supporters and we'll see you all again next season.

ARROWTOWN ENTERTAINERS CLUB

After our Winter recess we started our new season in late September with an informal social evening, where we discussed our ongoing programme, also Bob Britton gave us the outline of the new musical he has written for us to perform at the 2008 Autumn Festival. This was followed two weeks later with the Annual Meeting, and the first reading of the new script, and so far we have had two or three nights only to continue with this.

Our final engagement for this year was a visit to the Wakatipu Home on Friday 16th. November, where some light hearted entertainment was enjoyed by both us, and the residents.

Unfortunately we have had some resignations from valued members of our company, and although we have welcomed two new members so far, we can always do with more new singers/actors etc. especially men. If you are interested we would be pleased to see you when rehearsals commence in the New Year, on Monday 21st. January 2008. Contact phone numbers. 442-1057 or 442-1259.

Happy Christmas to all.

Bruce Teasdale. (President)

ARROWTOWN LINE DANCING

This is a fun way to exercise your mind and body for people of all ages. We dance to a variety of music including country, Latin and Irish.

We would like to build up our group next year so come and give it a go!

Starting February 4th 2008

Beginners to Intermediate

Arrowtown Hall, Mondays 1.30pm to 3.30 pm

Contact Audrey Henderson 442 1321

The Shotover Country Music Club

The annual meeting for the Shotover Country Music Club was held on 13th June. There was a good attendance of members, The most improved club artist trophy went to Vance Gore. Vance has only been with the club for a little over 12 months.



The Stevenson Achievers trophy this year went to Jean and Bob Britton. Bob wrote the musical for the Arrow Entertainers Musical held over the Autumn Festival. He also painted and made most of the props and was a musician in the show band. Jean wrote the lyrics to most of the tunes, was responsible for makeup and played one of the leading roles. This Quiet couple have achieved a lot over the last 12 months. Winner of the Talent Quest with \$1000.00 up for grabs was Enya Corson. Tom Maxwell took 2nd place in this years Starry Eyed competition.

The winter months of June, July and August holds afternoon get to gethers, reverting back to nights in September at the new time of 7.30pm. We hope to have a good line up of visiting clubs at our August meeting. The Shotover Country Music Club has been part of the Arrowtown community for the last 21

Arrowtown Autumn Festival

The 2008 Autumn Festival dates are THURSDAY 24TH APRIL TILL SUNDAY 4TH MAY this is during the last week of the school holidays, so we have plenty to keep you and your family busy within our festival programme.

The festival kicks off on the Thursday with the Lakes District Museum Art Exhibition, Friday 25th will be the ANZAC day service and Saturday 26th April will be the main festival day with Trustpower Markets, Southland Times Festival Parade and loads of entertainment for all ages!

We will be celebrating 75th Years of the Arrowtown Volunteer Fire Brigade with display's, old fire engines plus a Jubilee Dinner for past and present members.

The 2008 festival programme has some new events in the line up, workshops keep the kids entertained with stilt walking, circo-arts, cooking and writing workshops all planned for that last week of the holidays, plus we have Magic shows to wow kids and adults with illusions and amazing tricks. All the old favourites are back again with the Arrow Entertainers musical, free lunch time entertainment during the week plus seniors citizens afternoon tea and the ever popular Rilean Autumn Festival ball.

info@arrowtownautumnfestival.org.nz

From your Festival Team, Lex Perkins: Chairman, Judy Murch: Treasurer, Julie Hughes: Secretary/Coordinator, Louise Kirkwood, Ava Coutts and Nigel Douglas.

The 2008 festival programme also has 3 new night time events that are sure to entertain, but are still under wraps at this stage!

We look forward to seeing you all there. Don't forget to keep your eye on our web site for the full festival programme due end January, and if you are wanting a market day stall to sell homemade/grown items get your application forms in early.

All forms are on our web site on: www.ArrowtownAutumnFestival.org.nz or phone Julie on 442 0809 or email



Arrowtown Scouts

First, a huge "THANK YOU" to the community for your great support for our Jamboree fund-raising. With your help, our amazing parent's committee managed to raise enough to send every member of our troop to the Jamboree - a massive achievement.

In case you've been hiding under a rock for the last six months, the Centenary Jamboree marking one hundred years of Scouting is being held in Christchurch just after Christmas. We've been preparing the kids for what will be a huge event - over 4,000 scouts are expected, with a great range of exciting activities spanning ten days. They'll be living under canvas, and doing all their own cooking, washing up and clothes washing, so it's very different from the hiking camps we've done so far.

We held a three night pre-Jam camp over Labour Weekend in conjunction with Wanaka, Cromwell and Alexandra troops to give the kids (and the leaders!) a taste of what is in store. It was very successful, and despite the gale-force winds we didn't lose a single tent. The kids tried out orienteering, water rockets, mountain biking, prussiking, and constructed an adventure course of bridges, swings and other challenges. The highlight was the radio tent set up by the local radio hams, so the kids could participate in JOTA (Jamboree Of The Air). They came back buzzing about the scouts they'd talked to in other parts of the world.

As always, we try to put a bit back into the community - we've collected litter along the river, and spent a great evening at the Wakatipu Home doing some skits for the residents, listening to their stories about Scouting, and doing some gardening.

Greg Fawcett Phone 409 8165

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Tel: 442 1215



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Wednesday	1.30 pm – 4:00 pm Dr Bruce McKinnon
Thursday	8:30 am – 12.00 pm Dr Richard Macharg
Friday	9.00 am – 12.30 pm Dr Simon Davies 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Registrar

Southern Community Lab
 Phone: - 442 3875

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